**Kindergarten:**

The students enjoyed their holiday parties before winter break!  It was so nice to have so many parent volunteers - those in the classroom and those that volunteered to check in other volunteers in the Eagle's Nest.  We all enjoyed celebrating the holidays together at school!

Our grade level has been utilizing the Chromebook cart purchased for us by the PTO in two ways.  K teachers can sign up for blocks of time in the morning for whole class use and then we have divided the cart in the afternoon hours so that each teacher has 5 Chromebooks to use during their learning centers.  It has been great to bring more technology into the classroom - for whole group and small group instruction!  Thank you so much for supporting this project!

On Tuesday, 1/12, kindergarten went on our first field trip!  We went to Playhouse Square and saw the play "The Runaway Bunny and Goodnight Moon."  The students were all very well-behaved and enjoyed the performance very much.  Thank you to the PTO for your contribution to funding for our field trips!  It was an amazing experience.

A big thank you to Kelly Szakal and her committee for hosting a staff holiday luncheon before winter break. The food was delicious, and it was nice to spend quality time with staff members!

**First Grade** Update

 Popcorn day was a huge success in first grade!  They absolutely loved the smell of the corn popping and then enjoying a delicious treat.  They are so excited for the next sale!

    The students had a wonderful holiday party provided by the PTO and Room Mothers.   The students returned from winter break well rested and ready to learn.

     The third quarter started off on the right foot.  Reviewing old concepts like addition and subtraction to advancing too more in-depth ways to enhance the math skills.   In reading we are continuing our core study of main idea, compare/ contrast, cause /effect, and inferencing.

     The students have already begun to sell their chocolate for the winter fundraiser. We are excited to see how much money we can raise.

      Thank you for your continued support.  First grade soars with PTO support! You Matter!

**SECOND GRADE** Report cards went home this week and our quarterly award assembly will take place next week.  We are attending an assembly at the Fine Art in February.  Our Junior Achievement program is going wonderfully!  Students continue to work extremely hard preparing for third grade.  We are also working to complete our MAP testing for winter.

**3rd grade** is working on Cause and Effect, Main Idea and Details, and Figurative Language (Idioms) in Reading.  In Spelling, we have been working on R-Controlled vowels and prefixes/suffixes.  In Writing, we continue working on narrative writing and written responses to Reading.  We have begun working on informational writing as well.  In Math, we have continued to work on using multiplication and division to solve word problems, including inverse operations and solving for the "unknown."  In Science, we have been working on physical science like matter and physical/chemical changes to matter.  Some of us have also continued with the Scientific Method.  In Social Studies, we have been finishing Geography and beginning Culture/History.

**Grade 4** is currently studying about how Ohio became a state and all about rocks and fossils. We are reading stories and learning about the author's point of view (this can be tricky at times). Finally grade 4 is just getting started into fractions. We are simplifying and finding equivalents. All very exciting. Please review your child's homework every night and make sure they are reading daily.

Our **5th graders** are working hard to be successful.  We are so proud of all of our students.  We are learning about ecosystems, food chains, and food webs in Science. We learned about fractals and created our own versions in class. We learned about origami and made beautiful snowflakes that focused on lines of symmetry. In ELA we are currently working on persuasive essays and point of view. In Language Arts we are finishing up unit 3 and getting ready to take the unit test.  In Math we are working on numerical expressions, order or operations, and coordinate planes and in S.S. we are learning about economics.    
Sincerely, Mrs. Obermiller